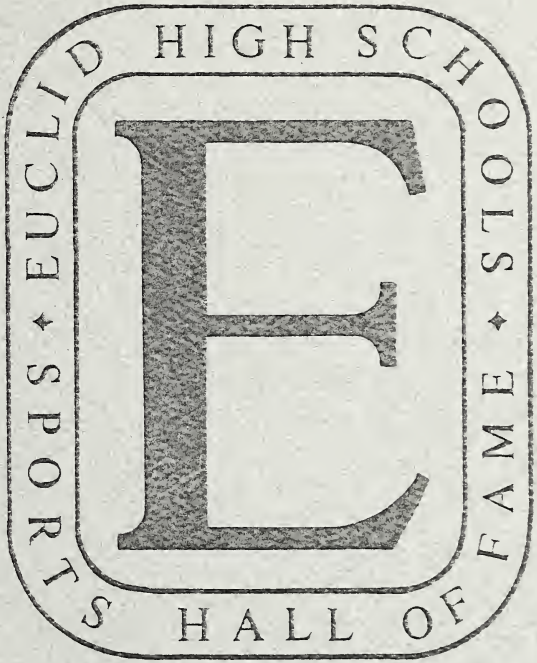
Sports Hall of Fame

Dinner and Induction Ceremonies



Thursday, October 6, 1988
Spanish Manor, Euclid Ohio

Welcome to the Second Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremonies of the Euclid High Schools Sports Hall of Fame.

High Schools represented are Euclid Central, Euclid Shore, Euclid Senior and Euclid High.

We are especially proud of the distinguished records and remarkable achievements of our second group of inductees. The sixteen athletes in the group compile a high school record of 36 All-Conference selections, 13 Greater Cleveland All Scholastic choices, 11 All-State winners. As collegians these athletes earned 9 All-Conference, 3 All-State and 1 All-American honors.

In the group, we have 6 professional athletes and a U.S. Olympian.

1988 EUCLID HIGH SCHOOLS SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

Mel Riebe	1936
Graham L. Mower	1937
Harv Riebe	1938
Ed Stoch	1941
Frank "Bing" Bergoch	1943
Don K. McLean	1947
Don Anzells	1948
Byron "Bar" Fondran	1948
Frank Joranko	1948
Don Manuel "T" Paz	1953
Larry Nosse	1957
Wayne A. Rositano	1959
Al Vilcheck	1968
Rick Brown	1968
Tom Stupica	1971
Debbie Williams	1978

Coaches

Ford L. Case
Dale "Tommy" Thompson

Honorary

H.W. "Ike" Driver
Jack W. Subel

1987 HALL OF FAME

The sixteen athletes in the group compile a high school record of 28 All-Conference selections, 20 Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic choices and 13 All-State winners. As collegians these athletes earned 15 All-Conference, 2 All-State and 5 All-American honors. In the group we have 7 professional athletes, a U.S. Olympian and a world champion!

Lenny Sadosky	1929
Joe Sintic	1929
Frank Montana	1939
Frank Skeya	1940
"Babe" Lipovic	1941
Neal Nelson	1943
Bill Kerslake	1947
Crayton Mast	1947
Bob Marich	1950
Stan Intihar	1952
Don Vicic	1953
Joe Nossek	1958
El Orazen	1961
Tom Murphy	1963
Berkie Reichenbach	1963
Ian Glass	1970

Coaches

Clarence Eckert
Walt Schwegler

Honorary

Mike Marsh
Kenneth Sims

PROGRAM

SOCIAL HOUR . . . . . 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME . . . . . Chuck Hill

INVOCATION . . . . . Joe Mayer

DINNER . . . . . 7:00 P.M.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES . . . . . John Telich
(TV Channel 8 Sportscaster)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST . . . . . Carl H. Hilling
Superintendent of Euclid Schools

Bill McGuinness
Principal, Euclid High School

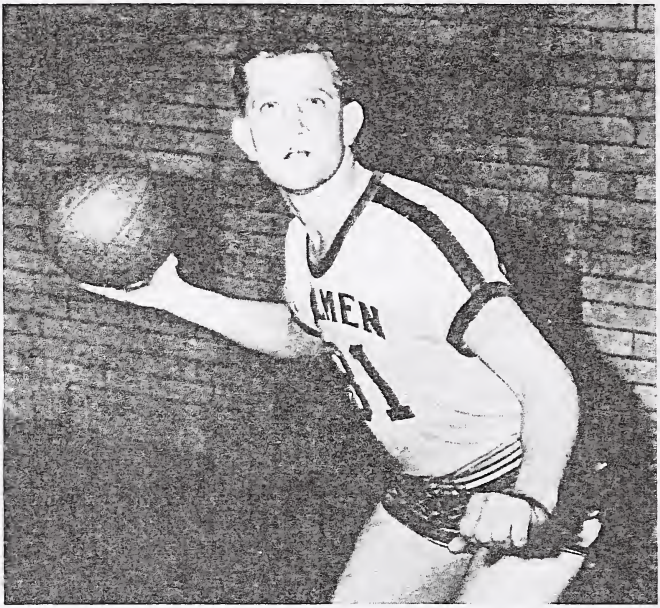
David M. Lynch
Mayor, City of Euclid

INDUCTION CEREMONIES

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Chuck Hill

BENEDICTION . . . . . Joe Mayer

MEL RIEBE . . . Euclid Shore, 1936



Proclaimed by sportswriters as "the greatest basketball player ever produced in the greater Cleveland area," **Mel Riebe** at one point in his career was considered as one of the finest basketball players in the world.

After starring in baseball and basketball at Euclid Shore, Mel by passed college to play professional basketball with the Cleveland Chase Brass team. Except for a stint in the Navy, during which he played for the Great Lakes Naval Academy, **Mel** played for many years in the various professional leagues formed in this country. He played with the Allman Transfers, the Cleveland Rebels, and then the Boston Celtics and Providence team of the National Basketball League. Starring for the Celtics in the 1948-49 season, **Mel** averaged over 20 pts. per game in that low scoring era. At 5′ 11″ he actually played center for them in several games.

A quote from the Plain Dealer Magazine cover sums up his pro career: "**Mel Riebe** strutted his stuff before appreciative audiences in high school gyms, college fieldhouses, local recreational halls, professional arenas and just about any other building with baskets on opposite ends of a hardwood floor. From Boston to Denver, **Riebe** displayed his abundant talent for everyone who cared to watch, and those who did still speak reverently of his mastery with a basketball."

A member of the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame, **Mel** is being touted for election to the National Basketball Hall of Fame.

Mel also played professional baseball in the Chicago Cubs organization. After a knee injury, **Mel** quit pro ball and went to college, graduating from Wooster College.

Mel Riebe was the athletic director and football coach at Waynesdale High School in Wayne County until his death of a heart attack at the age of 59.

GRAHAM L. MOWER . . . Euclid Shore, 1937

Graham Mower was an outstanding athlete at Euclid Shore in pre-World War II days. He won letters in football, basketball and track under the tutelage of Hall-Of-Fame Coaches Walt Schwegler and Ford Case. He was an All-Conference selection in basketball and football in 1936 and 1937. He was basketball captain in 1937. **Graham** also won the American Legion Outstanding Athlete Award in 1937.

He went to Baldwin-Wallace College and again lettered and starred in football, basketball and track.

During World War II he served as a bomber pilot. He homesteaded in Alaska where he continued flying as a pilot for the Alaskan Airlines.

Graham is now retired and operates a hunting and fishing lodge out of Anchorage, Alaska.

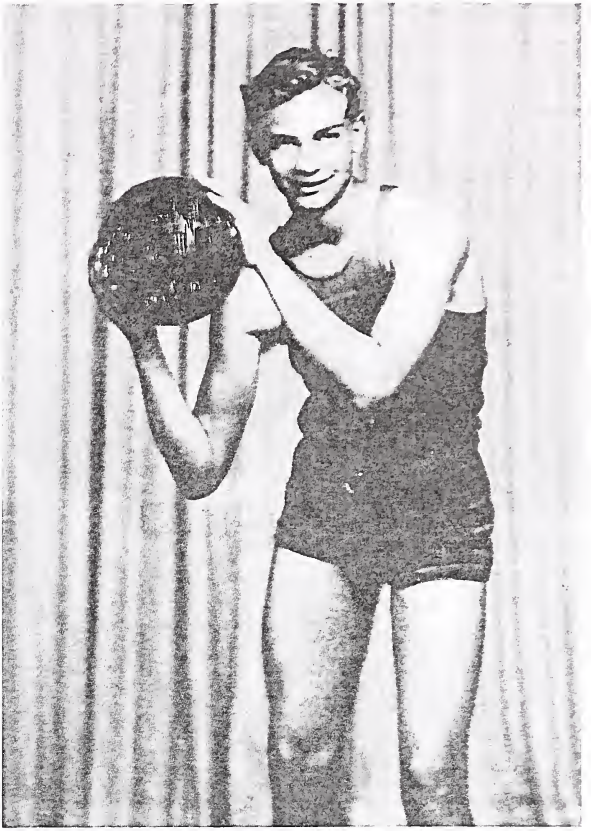
HARV RIEBE . . . Euclid Shore, 1938

Harv Riebe is a member of a famous family of outstanding athletes raised here in Euclid. At Euclid Shore, **Harv** was a fine performer in basketball, baseball and golf, lettering in all three sports. In basketball he was coached by Hall of Fame Coach Ford Case. **Harv** was an All-Conference selection in basketball and baseball and was baseball captain in 1939.

After high school, **Harv** signed a baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers, with whom he enjoyed an eleven year professional career, three as a major league catcher.

Harv Riebe is retired after many years in the Personnel Department of Chase Brass. He still lives in Euclid and is still swinging his golf clubs on local courses.

ED STOCH . . . Euclid Central, 1941



Ed Stoch played varsity basketball for three years and was #1 man on the golf team for three years.

Ed enjoyed a most rewarding senior year. He was president of the Senior Class, President of the Athletic Association and President of the Varsity Club. He was also Vice-President of the Student Council and the National Honor Society, Co-Captain of the basketball team and Captain of the golf squad.

Ed then played freshman basketball at Bowling Green and freshman football at the University of Arkansas. He was a starter on the Army All-Star basketball team that played a collegiate schedule in the Southwest, losing only one game.

War injuries cancelled a football scholarship to the University of Arkansas and an invitation to the Detroit Lions training camp in 1946. **Ed** later attended Baldwin-Wallace College where he lettered two years in basketball and two in golf.

Ed Stoch taught and coached in Euclid Schools for seven years and is a retired Prefessor of Physical Education from Cuyahoga Community College West, where he served as Athletic Director and basketball and golf coach for many years. **Ed** has been a golf professional for over 30 years.

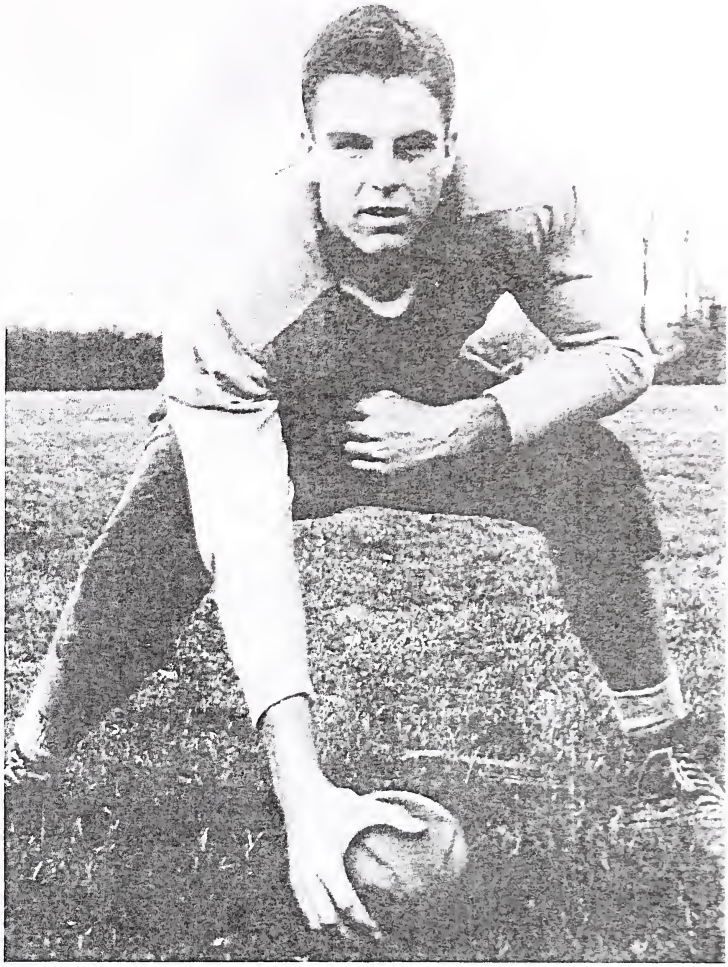
FRANK "BING" BERGOCH . . . Euclid Shore, 1943

"Bing" Bergoch earned eleven letters in an outstanding athletic career at Euclid Shore High School. These included four in baseball, four in basketball and three in football. In 1942-43 **"Bing"** made All Conference in football, basketball and baseball. He was a major factor in Shore winning Conference championships in all three sports that year. His coaches at Shore were Hall-Of-Fame Coaches Ford Case and Walt Schwegler, and John Pohto in baseball.

He received a scholarship to Denison University, where he played football for Coach "Woody" Hayes. He also lettered in baseball at Denison.

"Bing" Bergoch was a plant manager for Borden's in Indianapolis for twenty-five years. He is now retired and plays a lot of golf in Carmel, Indiana.

DON K. McLEAN . . . Euclid Shore, 1947



As an athlete at Euclid Shore, **Don McLean** played under Hall-Of-Fame coaches Walt Schwegler and Ford Case. He earned letters in football, basketball, baseball and was an All-Conference center in football and a co-captain in basketball. In his senior year he was voted into the National Athletic Scholarship Society.

Don went on to Columbia University where he starred in football and basketball. He was an All-Ivy League end in 1950 and was honored as the outstanding football player at Columbia. In 1950 he played in the North/South Shrine All-Star Game in the Miami Orange Bowl.

Don was invited to try out for the Cleveland Browns and the New York Giants but opted to join the U.S. Marine Corps. He saw service as an officer in Korea.

Upon discharge, **Don** joined the McLean Company of Cleveland and currently serves as president.

DON ANZELLS . . . Euclid Shore, 1948

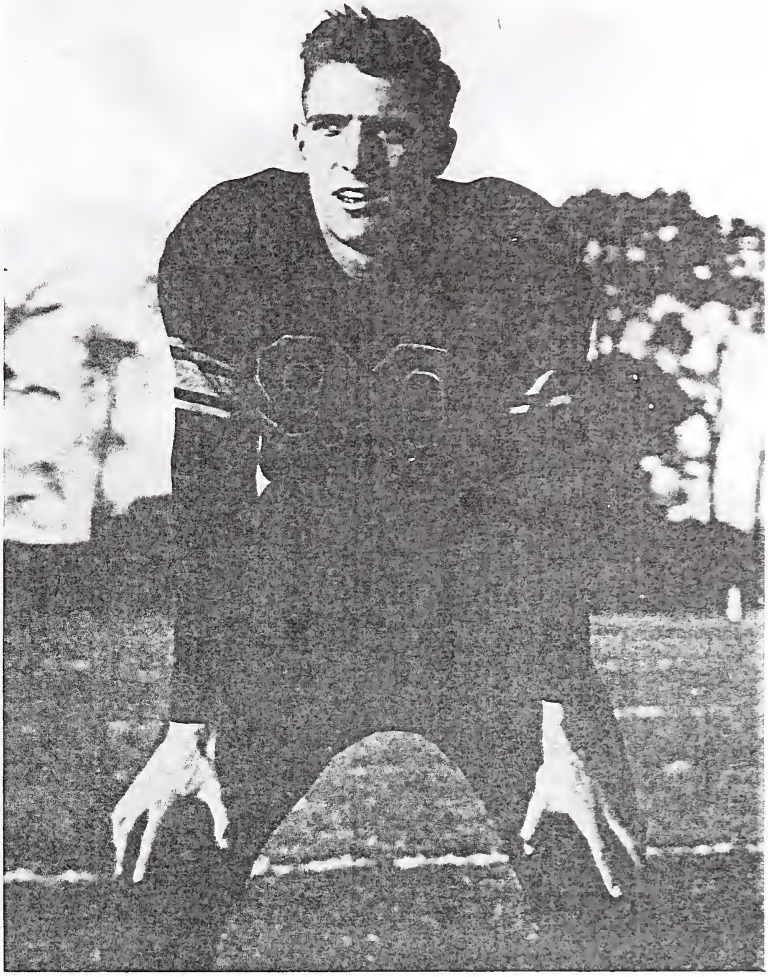
Don Anzells won three football letters under Hall-Of-Fame Coach Walt Schwegler and one basketball letter under Hall-Of-Fame Coach Ford Case. He also earned two letters in baseball.

Don was an All-Conference end in 1946 and 1947, and a Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic and All-Conference catcher in 1948. In 1948 the Shore High Athletic award was shared by three future Hall-Of-Famers, Byron Fondran, Frank Joranko and **Don Anzells**.

Don went on to three years of football at Case Tech where he made All-Big Four and All-Ohio in 1951. He also received the Case Varsity Club MVP Award that year.

Don Anzells still lives in Euclid. He owns two small manufacturing plants in Cleveland.

BYRON "BAR" FONDRAN . . . Euclid Shore, 1948



Byron "Bar" Fondran earned seven letters as an outstanding athlete at Euclid Shore. He won two in football under Hall-Of-Fame Coach Walt Schwegler, two in basketball and three in track under Hall-Of-Fame Coach Ford Case.

In his senior year, he was All-Conference in football and basketball and won three first places and a second in the Conference Track Meet. **"Bar"** broke an eleven-year record in the 440 yard dash in that meet. He was the team captain that year.

"Bar" played football and ran track at Ohio Wesleyan. He was captain of the track squad in 1952.

"Bar" Fondran is a lifelong resident of Euclid. His four children were also educated in Euclid Schools. He has been a metals salesman for many years.

FRANK JORANKO. . . Euclid Shore, 1948

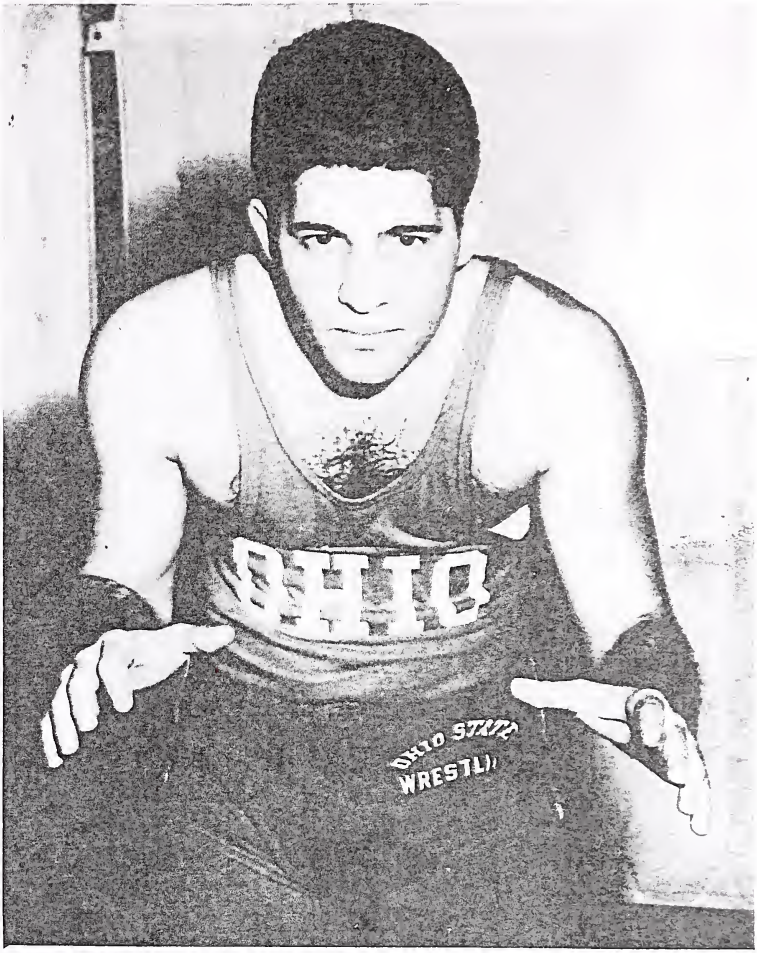
Frank Joranko won six letters at Euclid Shore and eight at Albion College. At Shore, **Frank** played under Hall-of Fame Coaches Walt Schwegler and Ford Case. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball. In his senior year, he was All-Conference in football and baseball, and a Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic in baseball. **Frank** was captain of the basketball and baseball squads.

At Albion College, **Frank** lettered in football, basketball and baseball. In his senior year, he was voted MVP in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Frank coached high school and college sports for many years. In 1972 he was voted Michigan High School Football Coach of the Year. Both in 1976 and 1977, he was NCAA Regional College Football Coach of the Year. He was also the American Baseball Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year.

Frank Joranko is currently the Athletic Director at Albion College.

DON MANUEL "T" PAZ. . . Euclid Senior, 1953



DON "T" PAZ played three years of football and one baseball, but he will best be remembered as a great wrestler. Under Hall-Of-Fame Coach Clarence Eckert, **"T"** wrestled three years at Euclid Senior High. As a sophomore, he was a District Champion and State Runner-up. In both his junior and senior seasons he was District Champion and a State Champion in the 127 pound class. At one point in his career, **"T"** had a record 30 consecutive wins.

Don then joined the US Marines. He played quarterback and linebacker on a Marine All-Star football team in Japan.

After his stint in the service, **Don** enrolled at Ohio State University where he earned a letter in wrestling.

Back in the Cleveland area, **"T"** worked as a wrestling official. He was President of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Association and was instrumental in developing the State of Ohio Wrestling Officials Association. He also initiated and developed several youth wrestling programs in our area.

Don "T" Paz works as a salesman and lives in San Diego, California.

LARRY NOSSE . . . Euclid Senior, 1957

Larry Nosse was a hard-nosed athlete who was outstanding in football, wrestling and baseball. He was a letter winner in all three sports.

In football, he made All-Conference, Greater Cleveland All Scholastic and All-Ohio. As a wrestler, **Larry** was undefeated in dual meets in 1957 and an All-Conference Champion. As a pitcher in baseball, Larry was an All Conference MVP, a Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic for two years and All-Ohio. He was a member of the 1957 Ohio All-Star Team.

Larry pitched for Kent State University and has a Master's Degree from the University of Southern California.

Larry signed a professional baseball contract and pitched in the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians organizations.

Larry Nosse has received many honors for athletic achievement from several sources, but numbers as his most satisfying experience the years he and his wife served humanity as members of the Peace Corps in overseas missions. **Larry** is currently an Associate Professor of Physical Therapy at Marquette University and a trainer for the Special Olympics.

WAYNE A. ROSITANO. . . Euclid Senior, 1959

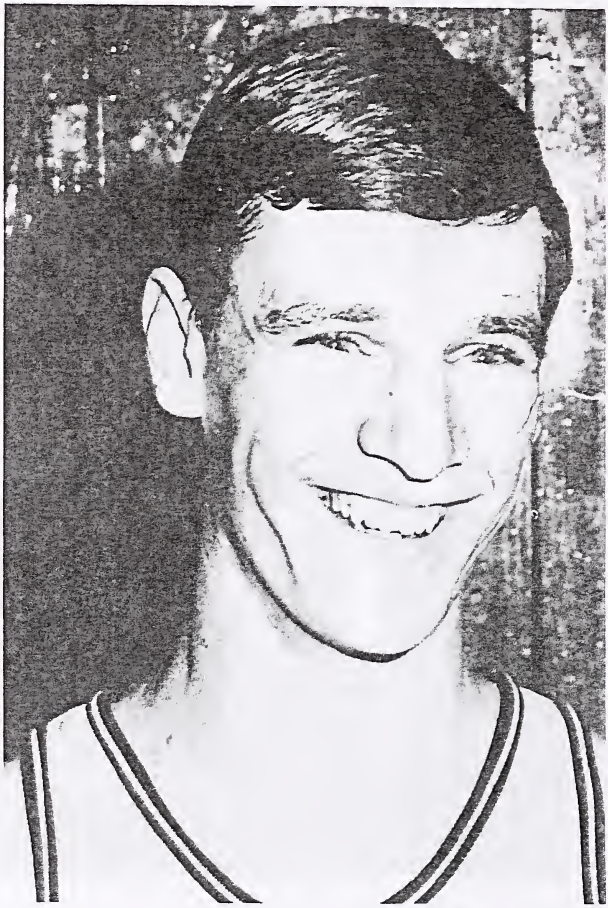
Wayne Rositano was a scrappy, intelligent athlete who played with great intensity. He earned varsity letters in football, wrestling and baseball. In football, **Wayne** was a co-captain, an MVP and an All-Conference halfback. Under Hall-Of-Fame Coach Clarence Eckert, he was a member of the Euclid Senior High School State Championship Wrestling Team of 1958.

In baseball, coached by Hall-Of-Famer Neal Nelson, **Wayne** won many honors. He was All-Conference, Greater Cleveland All Scholastic and All-Ohio. He was chosen for the East/West and the North/South All Star Teams.

Wayne attended Ohio University on a baseball scholarship and lettered in baseball and track.

In a 25 year career as an educator, **Wayne Rositano** has been a teacher, coach and administrator. He is currently Athletic Director of the Solon City Schools.

AL VILCHECK. . . Euclid Senior, 1968

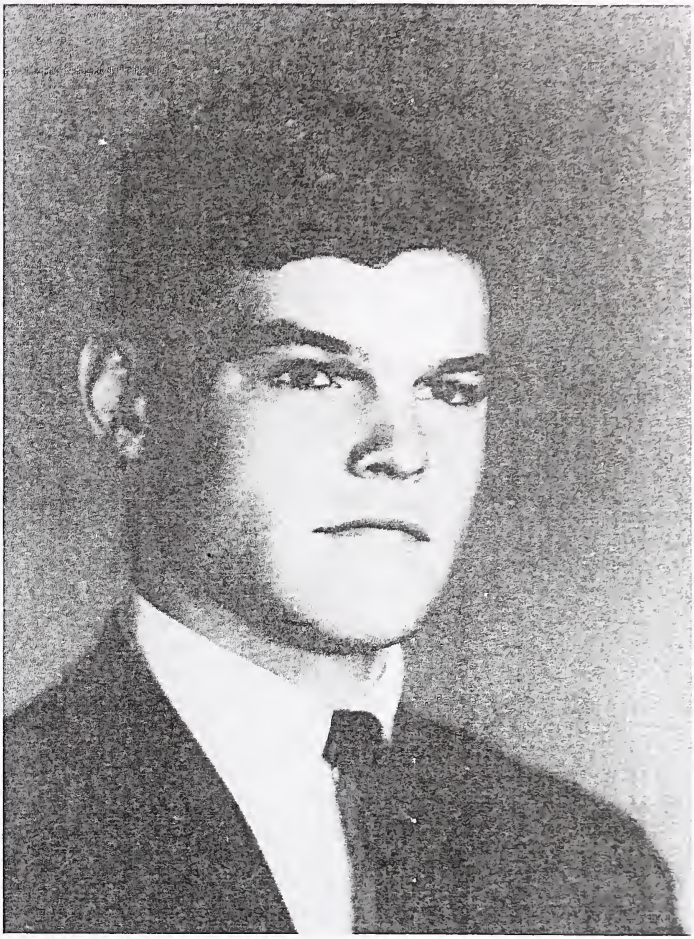


Al Vilcheck was one of the finest basketball players in Euclid history. He was a three-year letterman. He played on the basketball team that went to the State Semifinals in 1968. Among his many honors, he was team Captain, All-Conference, Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic and All-Ohio. He played in the North/South All-Star game. **Al** held the Euclid High School scoring and rebound records for many years.

Al attended the University of Louis ville on a basketball scholarship. He was their starting center for three years and played in the NCAA finals against UCLA.

Al Vilcheck is a nature lover. He is presently a U.S. Federal Security Officer in Nevada.

RICK BROWN . . . Euclid Senior, 1968

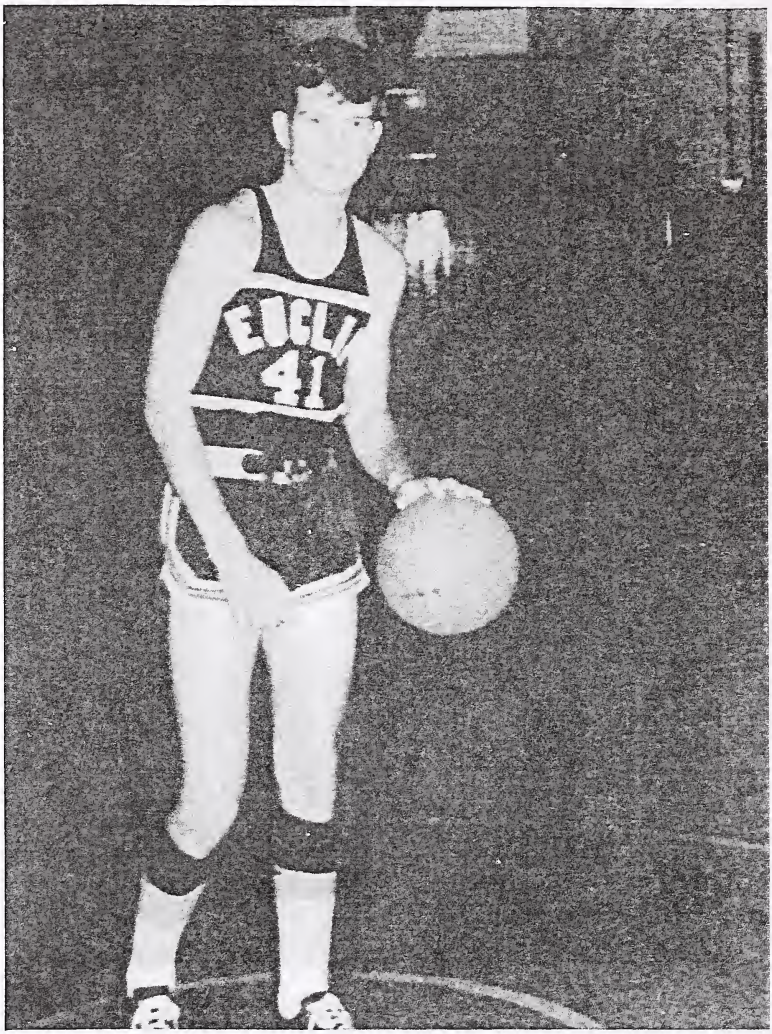


Rick Brown enjoyed an outstanding career at Euclid Senior High School. He won a total of eight letters in football, basketball and baseball. He played on the basketball team that went to the State Semifinals in 1968. In his senior year, **Rick** was a Press Star and voted to the Plain Dealer Dream Team in all three sports. He made All-Conference and All-Regional in basketball, Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic and All-Ohio in baseball and was team captain in basketball and baseball.

As a baseball star at Kent State University, **Rick** made All-Conference and was selected to the Outstanding College Athletes of America Almanac in 1972.

Rick Brown is a life-long resident of Euclid. After several years as a beverage distributor, he now works for the Euclid Recreation Department as an Assistant Program Director and Manager of the C.E. Orr Arena.

TOM STUPICA . . . Euclid Senior, 1971



Tom Stupica was an outstanding all-around athlete at Euclid Senior High School. He won two letters each in football, basketball and baseball. In his senior year, **Tom** made All-Conference in both football and baseball, and Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic in baseball. He was the captain of the basketball team that year.

In 1971 **Tom** won the FOP and the Richard Keay Outstanding Athlete Awards.

After two years of football at John Carroll University, he transferred to the University of Maryland where he received his degree in 1975.

Tom Stupica is currently an assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Solon.

DEBBIE WILLIAMS. . . Euclid Senior, 1978

Debbie Williams is probably the finest female athlete in Euclid scholastic history. She was a High School All-American in basketball, tennis and track.

As team captain in basketball, she made the News-Herald All-Star team, 1st Team-All-Ohio and All-American. She was Greater Cleveland's MVP in basketball. She was selected to try out for the 1978 Pan-American Basketball Team.

In track, she was a three-time State discus champion and a two-time State Runner-up in the shot-put. She held the school record in both events and made the High School All-American Track Team all three years.

As a tennis player, **Debbie** was a Sectional and District Champion, a State Finalist and a High School All-American.

Debbie won a scholarship to the University of Michigan where she specialized in the javelin throw. She was a four-time Big Ten Champion and an All American in 1982. She competed in two Olympic trials, finishing 5th in 1984. She was a member of the U.S. Track and Field team which competed in Russia and West Germany.

Debbie Wiliams has been honored several times by her high school, college, the media and her community. She is currently the Assistant Women's Track Coach at the University of Michigan.

FORD L. CASE. . .Coach

Ford Case was a legend among greater Cleveland basketball coaches in his time. After five years at Medina High School, he came to Euclid Shore in 1926 and coached here until 1953. In his 34-year basketball and track coaching career his teams won ten championships. His Euclid Shore teams won nine championships and never finished below second place.

Ford Case graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin. He was a 50-year member of the Masons and a Life Member of the Kiwanis Club. He served as Euclid's Director of Recreation for several years.

Ford Case retired to Chandler, Arizona where he passed away at the age of 88.

DALE "TOMMY" THOMPSON . . . Coach

After an outstanding personal athletic career in high school and college, "**Tommy" Thompson** became a legendary track coach. In high school, he starred in basketball, football and track. At Muskingum College he ran track and was a Little All-American halfback.

After teaching and coaching in several Ohio high schools, "**Tommy**" joined the Euclid Central staff in 1943, where he coached football and track until 1949. While still on the Euclid Central faculty, he served as assistant track coach at Western Reserve University from 1950-56. From 1956 until he retired in 1969 "**Tommy**" coached track and cross country at Euclid High School.

In 40 years of coaching football, basketball, track and cross country, "**Tommy's**" teams won 69 championships. His career coaching record is an astounding 1,113 wins, 233 losses and 3 ties.

The "**Coach Tommy Thompson**" story should serve as a role model for all coaches. He was successful in the won-lost column, and as a positive influence in young lives.

H.W. "IKE" DRIVER . . . Honorary

For many years, **"Ike" Driver** was one of the most popular men in Euclid, Endowed with great community spirit, he was a driving force behind many Euclid projects and organizations.

"Ike" was especially fond of all sports in Euclid and the young men and women who played them. He was a staunch supporter and spirited booster of all teams. He regularly presented awards to junior and senior high athletes, many anonymously.

"Ike's" fondest memory was of a special assembly held in his honor at Euclid Senior High School at which he was presented with a varsity letter sweater.

"Ike" Driver died in 1958 and will always be remembered by former Euclid athletes and fans.

JACK W. SUBEL . . . Honorary

A former East Tech student/athlete, **Jack Subel** raised four children here in Euclid, all of whom graduated from Euclid Senior High School.

An ardent fan and active supporter of Euclid sports, he was a key figure in the success of the Euclid High Boosters Club, of which he served as president for fourteen years. He also held all the offices during his 26-year membership in the Euclid Lions Club and has been an officer in the SNPJ for 50 years. Euclid is a better place to live because of people like **Jack Subel**.

Jack is now retired, living in Chagrin Falls and still very active in community affairs.

CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINEES

There shall be three (3) categories of nominees eligible:

A. **Athlete:**

An athlete's class must have graduated at least ten (10) years prior to selection.

B. **Coach/Athletic Administrator:**

1. A coach or athletic administrator must have served on the staff of Euclid schools.

2. A coach or athletic administrator must have retired or left the school.

C. **Honorary:**

An honorary nominee must have made a significant impact on the Euclid High Schools sports programs who would not otherwise qualify as an athlete or as a coach or athletic administrator.

D. **Criteria**

1. Varsity level of competition
2. Leadership
3. Impact on athletic program
4. All Scholastic
5. All Ohio or State champion
6. State or national record holder
7. All-Star teams
8. School record holder, etc.
9. Postgraduate image
10. Outstanding postgraduate sports achievements

1988 EUCLID HIGH SCHOOLS SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE:

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